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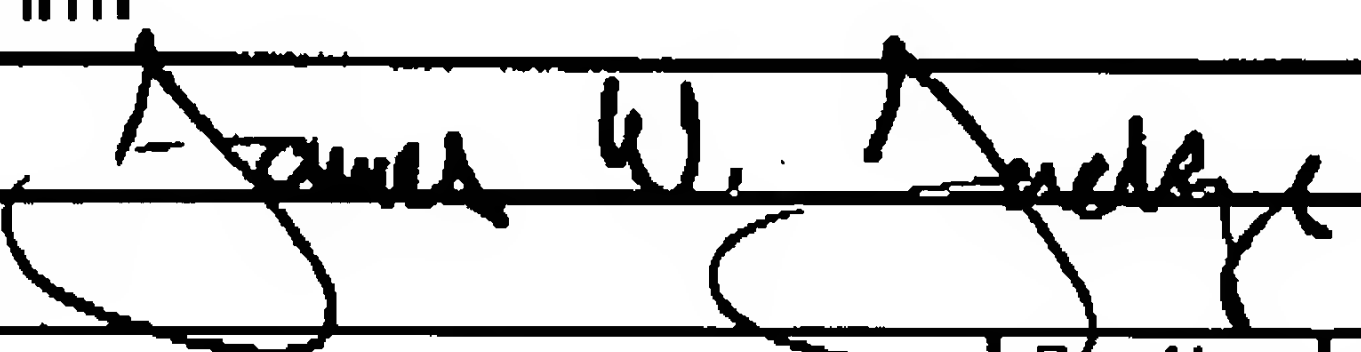
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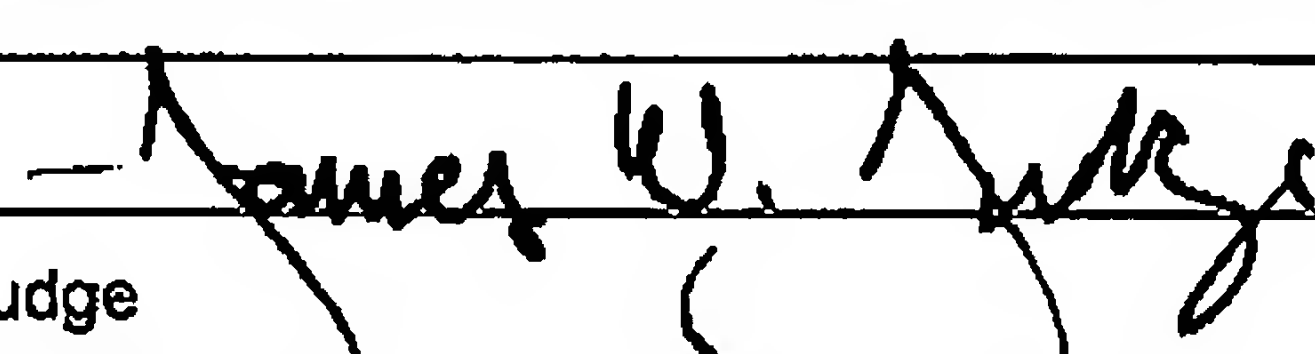
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	Art Unit	2814	
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Utility	300	150	500	250	200	100	
Design	200	100	100	50	130	65	
Plant	200	100	300	150	160	80	
Reissue	300	150	500	250	600	300	
Provisional	200	100	0	0	0	0	

2. EXCESS CLAIM FEES

Fee Description

Each claim over 20 (including Reissues)

Fee (\$)

Small Entity Fee (\$)

Each independent claim over 3 (including Reissues)

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Multiple dependent claims

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360

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Total Claims Extra Claims Fee (\$)

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Multiple Dependent Claims

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INFORMATION DISCLOSURE STATEMENT

Sir:

This constitutes an Information Disclosure Statement pursuant to 37 C.F.R. §§ 1.97 and 1.98. The attached documents listed on the accompanying Form PTO/SB/08A are hereby brought to the Examiner's attention in the patent application identified above.

REMARKS

Of the three presently submitted references, i.e., Cite Nos. F1 and O2 as listed on Form PTO/SB/08A, are not in English. These three references were cited in a communication from the Japanese Patent Office in a counterpart Japanese application.

Concise Explanation of Relevance/Copy of Translation
Pursuant to 37 C.F.R. § 1.98(a)(3)

As a concise explanation of the relevance of the presently submitted Japanese-language references, an English translation of pertinent portions of the Japanese Patent Office communication—which was in Japanese Pat. App. No. 2001-340527, the foreign patent application on the basis of which priority is claimed in the present application—is submitted herewith.

03/03/2005 EKOLI1 00000002 10065552

App. No. 10/065,552
IDS Submission dated March 2, 2005

(A copy of the Japanese Patent Office communication in its entirety, with borders drawn around the text containing the rejections, follows the English translation.)

Furthermore, a partial English translation of Cite No. F1 has been made available to Applicant's representative and is being submitted herewith. Borders have been drawn around the sections in the Japanese original text corresponding to the partial English translation.

Furthermore, an English translation of the entirety of Cite No. O2 is attached to the back of the reference.

As the date on which the Japanese Patent Office communication citing the presently submitted information was November 16, 2004, an attestation under 37 C.F.R. § 1.97(e) cannot be made. Accordingly, a credit-card payment form authorizing payment of the fee under 37 C.F.R. § 1.17(p), together with a Fee Transmittal form, also accompanies this paper.

The Examiner is respectfully requested to consider these references, and to indicate so on the accompanying Form PTO/SB/08A and make the document of record in the present application.

Respectfully submitted,

March 2, 2005



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Reference No. 1011402

Dispatch No. 417632

Dispatch Date: November 16, 2004

Notification of Reasons for Rejection

Patent Application No.: Patent Application No. 2001-340527

Draft Date: November 10, 2004

JPO Examiner: Kenichiro HASHIMOTO 3031 4R00

Representatives/Applicant: Mr. Hisao FUKAMI (and four others)

Applied Law: Patent Law Section 29(2)

This application is rejected for the following reasons. An opinion, if any, should be submitted within 60 days from the dispatched date of the notification.

Reasons

3. The inventions in the claims listed below of the subject application should not be granted a patent under the provision of Patent Law Section 29(2) since it could have easily been made by persons with ordinary skill in the art to which the inventions pertain, on the basis of the inventions described in the following publications which were distributed in Japan or foreign countries or the inventions which were publicly available through electrical communication lines prior to the filing of the subject application.

Note (About the cited documents, etc., see the list of the cited documents, etc.)

Reason 3

- Claims 1 and 2

- Cited reference 1 (V. Gopal et al.)

- Remark

In cited reference 1, there is described (refer, in particular, to the item 'Experiment') that, when a C-V measurement is conducted by bringing an electrolytic solution into contact with an InAs membrane in order to obtain carrier density, an EDTA aqueous solution is used as the electrolytic solution. And it is publicly well-known in the C-V measurement to make the application voltage high to obtain the carrier density at a deep location. Thus, in the invention set forth in cited reference 1, those skilled in the art could have readily conceived of applying a voltage exceeding 10 V for the measurement of the carrier density of the InAs membrane at a deep location.

- Claim 4

- Cited references 1 and 2 (V. Gopal et al. & Toshiba Tech. Disclosure)

- Remark

In a C-V measurement using a liquid electrode, use of the tyron liquid as the electrolytic solution for the liquid electrode is well known, as is set forth, for example, in cited reference 2.

- Claim 5

- Cited reference 3 (Japanese Pat. App. Pub. No. 50-86986)

- Remark

In cited reference 3 (refer to, in particular, p. 2, line 7 in the right lower column to p. 3, line 2 of the left upper column.), there is described that, in a C-V measurement, InSb is used as a sample, and that a liquid metal such as an In-Ga alloy, mercury, etc. is used as an electrode. Thus, in the invention set forth in cited reference 3, those skilled in the art could have readily conceived of using Ga, which is liquid around room temperature, as the electrode.

- Claims 7 and 8

- Cited reference 1 (V. Gopal et. al)

- Remark

Non-destructive estimation of carrier density means that the physical properties of the wafer itself do not change at all prior to and after the measurement. Accordingly, the wafer in the invention set forth in Claims 7 and 8 has no difference from the wafer that has been subjected to the C-V measurement according to the method set forth in cited reference 1, and also no difference from the bare wafer that is not subjected to the C-V measurement.

List of the cited documents, etc.

1. V. Gopal et al., Journal of ELECTRONIC MATERIALS, 2000年11月, Vol. 29. No. 11, p.1333-1339
2. Collection of Toshiba Technology Disclosure, March 23, 1998, Vol. 16-17, p139
3. Japanese Patent Application Publication No. 50-86986

Record of results of prior art search

• Technical fields to be searched:

IPC 7th edition H01L 21/66

• Prior art documents

Japanese Patent Application Publication No. 2001-144154

Japanese Patent Application Publication No. 59-143339

Japanese Patent Application Publication No. 11-337490

Japanese Patent Application Publication No. 61-141127

The record is not a component of the reasons for rejection.

If you have any questions regarding this Notification of Reasons for Rejection and/or would like to have an interview, please contact the following:
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